



PHYSICAL FITNESS





PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

TO ENHANCE COMBAT READINESS BY DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF PHYSICAL FITNESS IN SOLDIERS AS MEASURED BY:

- > CARDIORESPIRATORY ENDURANCE
- > MUSCULAR STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE
- > FLEXIBILITY
- ➤ BODY COMPOSITION STANDARDS AS PRESCRIBED BY AR 600-9
- MOTOR EFFICIENCY (COORDINATION, AGILITY, BALANCE, POSTURE, SPEED, POWER, AND KINESTHETIC AWARENESS).

PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING PROGRAM OBJECTIVE (cont)

- ANAEROBIC CONDITIONING
- > COMPETITIVE SPIRIT, THE WILL TO WIN, AND UNIT COHESION
- > SELF-DISCIPLINE
- ➤ A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THAT INCLUDES GOOD NUTRITION, EXCLUDES SMOKING, AND AVOIDS MISUSE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS
- > ABILITY TO COPE WITH ALL TYPES OF STRESS

COMPONENTS OF FITNESS

- CARDIORESPIRATORY ENDURANCE
- MUSCULAR STRENGTH
- MUSCULAR ENDURANCE
- FLEXIBILITY
- BODY COMPOSITION



PRINCIPLES OF EXERCISE

REGULARITY
PROGRESSION
BALANCE
VARIETY
SPECIFICITY
RECOVERY
OVERLOAD

FLEXIBILITY

FLEXIBILITY IS THE ABILITY TO MOVE THE JOINTS OR ANY GROUP OF JOINTS THROUGH AN ENTIRE, NORMAL RANGE OF MOTION.

STRETCHING TECHNIQUES

- STATIC STRETCHING
- PASSIVE STRETCHING
- PROPRIOCEPTIVE NEUROMUSCULAR FACILITATION (PNF)
- BALLISTIC STRETCHING

FACTORS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRAINING PROGAM

F REQUENCY

I NTENSITY

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TRAINING HEART RATE

CRITERIA FOR AN AEROBIC ACTIVITY

- USES THE LARGE MUSCLES OF THE BODY
- CONTINUOUS, RYTHMICAL, AND REPETITIVE
- VIGOROUS ENOUGH TO RAISE AND SUSTAIN THE HEART RATE AT A TRAINING LEVEL FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 MINUTES



EXAMPLES OF AEROBIC ACTIVITY

PRIMARY
RUNNING/JOGGING TENNIS
WALKING HANDBALL
SWIMMING
BASKETBALL
CYCLING
RACQUETBALL
EXERCISING TO MUSIC

Primary Leadership Development Course

PHASES OF CONDITIONING

- PREPARATORY
- CONDITIONING
- MAINTENANCE